

DEVELOPING INTO A MODERN UTOPIA

Not a Criminal Case on Docket of Lancaster Circuit Court.

GRAND JURY DOES NOTHING

Judge Wright Hands Down Important Decision on Oyster Cull Law.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LANCASTER, VA., May 23.—The May term of Lancaster Circuit Court is over, and Judge Wright has returned to his home at Tappanhook. In less than three days the misdemeanor cases on the docket, six in all, were disposed of, all the accused being convicted, the fines imposed ranging from \$10 to \$75, with sixty days in jail. Several important chancery cases were also disposed of.

There is not now a criminal case on the docket, and William Chilton, clerk of the court for the last sixteen years, says it is the first time in all for service of the criminal docket has been clear. It is significant fact that the grand jury at this term of the court, not only found no indictments, out had no complaints laid before it. Heretofore for the last three or four years the grand jury has had its hands full of work at nearly every term of the court, relative mainly to violation of the local oyster liquor law. Some months ago Judge Wright announced that he would thereafter sit to the fine in all cases of conviction for this offense, and the fact that he sent four persons to jail at the March term of the court, seems to have wrought a wonderful reformation among the would-be violators of the law. It is hoped that the reformation will be permanent.

Several of the misdemeanor cases tried at this term of the court were for violation of the criminal code, which prohibits the taking of oysters less than three inches long from hinge to mouth from the natural oyster beds of the Commonwealth. The accused oystermen were arrested by the oyster inspectors for taking oysters smaller in size than those designated in the statute; but all contended that they had taken these small oysters from their private planting grounds, which is permissible under the law. Judge Wright held, however, in such cases it is obligatory upon the oystermen to keep oysters taken from private planting grounds separate from those taken from the natural rocks, and to place them in boxes or at the oyster-houses. In other words, oystermen must not mix oysters taken from private planting grounds with those taken from natural rocks, otherwise the law cannot be rigidly or effectively enforced.

This construction of the law, which is regarded here as eminently just and proper, will no doubt excite keen interest among oystermen, and will greatly aid in the proper enforcement of the oyster law in this section of the State. Judge Wright made it plainly understood that he intended to enforce the law, and at the same time to do all in his power to decrease criminal expenses in his circuit.

Several days ago while Captain I. N. Buxess was hauling furniture from his home near Wicomico Church to Foston, the horses hitched to his wagon became frightened and ran off, throwing him violently to the ground. Two wheels of the wagon passed over his arm, dislocating it. His head and face were painfully injured, and it was at one time feared that his jawbone had been broken. He received also some internal injury, which will probably not prove serious. The wagon and furniture were badly damaged, but the horses escaped without injury.

Information has been received here of the death of Michael S. Marter, which occurred several days ago at his home in New Jersey. Mr. Marter was a native of New Jersey, but he spent fourteen years of his life in Lancaster county as manager of Landreth's seed farm at Monksan on the Rappahannock River.

The storm which began here Thursday night is still raging, and much damage has been done to fish traps along the bay and river shores of this section.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

Week of Finals at Woman's College Has Begun.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] DANVILLE, VA., May 23.—Dr. Ryland Knight, of Richmond, delivered the baccalaureate sermon of the Woman's College at the First Baptist Church this morning. A special musical program was rendered by the college girls.

The graduation piano recital was given at the school building last night by Miss Corinne Tucker, assisted by the college girls.

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isted by Miss Margaret Radcliffe, soprano, and Miss Fleetwood Currier, pianist. Monday night at 8 o'clock the final concert and contest for the eloquence medal will be held. The commencement exercises close Tuesday night with an address at the First Baptist Church by Dr. W. C. Taylor, of Petersburg. During Tuesday, there will be a meeting of the board of trustees of the college and of the Alumnae Association.

RAINS ARE BENEFICIAL.

Farmer Will Now Be Able to Get Tobacco Plants Out.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., May 23.—The rains of the past few days will enable farmers in the Lynchburg district to plant a considerable portion of their tobacco crop during the coming week, for many of the plants are large enough to be transplanted. The rain will not only be beneficial in getting the ground ready, but it will benefit the plants and also enable the planters to market the remainder of their old crop.

The sales during the past week aggregated 32,000 pounds, or \$4,500 pounds less than the week previous. The total sales for the present season are 21,023,300 pounds, this being an increase of 7,069,600 pounds over the season of 1908 at the same period.

PROSPECTS GOOD.

There is Every Indication for Large Crop of Apples.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., May 23.—An inspection of a number of the larger apple orchards contiguous to Lynchburg discloses the fact that there are prospects for a large crop. This is especially true on mountain and other orchards on higher levels, while some fruit will be gathered in the valleys. Hon. George E. Murrell, who has a splendid orchard in Bedford county, will have the largest crop in recent years. He reports his orchards most promising than several weeks ago.

Contract Is Awarded.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] DANVILLE, VA., May 23.—The contract has been awarded by the Southern Express Company for the erection here of a modern and adequate building. The work will be done by R. B. Graham, and will be begun at once. The new quarters of the express company will adjoin the station of the Southern Railway, and the same style of architecture and material will be adopted.

Shoots at the Cook.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ROANOKE, VA., May 23.—Considerable excitement was created in the Gainsborough Apartment House last night by Robert Walker, a negro janitor, shooting at the cook, Lizzie Willson. He missed the cook and the ball lodged in the arm of his rival, John Scott.

New Warehouse.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] DANVILLE, VA., May 23.—A new tobacco warehouse is being erected at Franklin Junction, this county, which will be ready for occupancy and business on October 1. The new venture will be operated by J. S. Ball, Jr., P. Reeves, and W. M. Warley, of Ashville; C. and J. L. Abbott, of Danville.

Akers a Candidate.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ROCKY MOUNT, VA., May 23.—E. C. Akers, a farmer of the western section of the county, has announced himself a candidate for the House of Delegates at the next election. The only other avowed candidate is Captain G. W. B. Hale, of this place.

PRESIDENT MADE MEMBER OF BOARD

He Accepts Trusteeship of the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] HAMPTON, VA., May 23.—The commencement exercises at the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute closed this morning, when Dr. M. D. Pritchett, of Washington, delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the students in the chapel. President William H. Taft had been expected to make the address, but was forced to cancel the engagement owing to the illness of Mrs. Taft.

The President sent the following letter to Dr. Hollins Burke Frissell, principal of the Normal School, accepting the position of a member of the board of trustees of the Normal School:

"Washington, D. C., May 14, 1909.

"My dear Mr. Frissell: I have your note announcing my election as a member of the board of trustees of Hampton Institute, and consider it an honor to be one of them, and shall be very glad to contribute what little I can to the continued success of the school.

"Very sincerely yours,"

"W. H. Taft."

Mr. Taft was chosen a member of the board at the meeting of the trustees in New York on May 10, and at the time of his acceptance Dr. Frissell was still visiting in the metropolis.

During his address to the students, Dr. Pritchett commented on the President's acceptance of the trusteeship as follows:

"Mr. Taft, by his acceptance, honors education, and no less the high interest in throwing his interest in the educational methods of his country." Dr. Pritchett praised the system of the Normal School.

The charge to the graduating class was made by Dr. Turner, chaplain at the school.

Among the prominent visitors attending the exercises were R. Brent Keyser, president of the board of trustees of Johns Hopkins University; Dr. L. E. Barker, of New York; Dr. W. B. Russell, of the medical department of Johns Hopkins; Dr. C. S. Blackwell, president of Randolph-Macon College, Ashland; Dr. John M. Glenn, of the Sage Foundation, New York; Mrs. Glenn, who is interested in the work of the charities of New York; Sidney Frissell, of Burkeville, former Governor A. J. Montague, of Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Colgate, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Curtis, of New York; Dr. W. J. Jay-Schlesselman, of New York.

Thursday, the graduating class will hold the final commencement in front of the mansion house, when the diplomas will be awarded to more than 100 students.

CALL IS ISSUED.

Committee Will Consider Government

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., May 23.—A call has been issued for the meeting of the committee appointed to investigate the situation of the government in Lynchburg, through a commission, to be held at the municipal committee room in the Kries Building Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, at which time the committee is expected to formally organize and begin its work.

The committee is composed of two members from each of the branches of the City Council and a member from the Retail Merchants' Association and the Board of Trade. The committee, under a resolution of the City Council, has the sum of \$250 available for expenses.

The committee is composed of the following members: R. C. Quinn and William King, from the Board of Aldermen; A. R. Long and John P. Pettyjohn, from the Common Council; F. H. Almond, from the Retail Merchants' Association, and John W. Grad-chock, from the Board of Trade.

MANY ATTEND FUNERAL.

Remains of Scott H. Hansbrough Laid Away at Winchester.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WINCHESTER, VA., May 23.—The funeral of Scott H. Hansbrough, a prominent Virginia financier, banker and corporation director, who dropped dead of neuralgia of the heart on the street Thursday morning, took place this afternoon from the family residence on North Braddock Street, and was attended by a large gathering, representing financial and business organizations, professional men, city and county officials. The services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Davidson, pastor of the Appomattox Baptist Church, who arrived here Friday to visit Mr. Hansbrough, not knowing that he was dead. He was assisted by Rev. William D. McCurdy, pastor of the Baptist Church, of Winchester, and by Rev. J. H. Lacy, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian Church, in Winchester. Many people from distant cities and towns came to attend the obsequies.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Exercises Postponed Last Week Owing to Inclement Weather.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] DANVILLE, VA., May 23.—Confederate Veterans' Memorial Day will be held one day this week. The exercises were scheduled for last Friday afternoon, but were postponed on account of the inclement weather. The Memorial Day exercises will be in charge of the Ladies' Memorial Association of Danville and an attractive program has been arranged for the occasion. After several addresses and the rendition of a number of songs and recitations at the Academy of Music, a parade in carriages and automobiles will be made to Green Hill Cemetery, where the graves of the soldiers who were the great will be strewn with flowers. The principal address will be delivered by Mayor W. W. Davidson, a captain during the Confederate War and commander of the Cabell Graves Camp of Veterans.

WITNESSES RETURN.

They Went to Oklahoma to Testify in Land Fraud Cases.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] DANVILLE, VA., May 23.—The Danville witnesses, numbering ten, who have been in Tulsa, Okla., where they gave evidence before the Federal grand jury investigating the alleged land frauds in the acquisition of the town lots in Muskogee, in which Governor Charles N. Haskell and others are implicated, returned to the city today. The Danville witnesses left the city on May 10, this making their second trip to Oklahoma in the Federal prosecutions. They have remained on account of the implication in the alleged frauds of Captain William T. Hutchings, formerly of this city, but now a prominent lawyer of Muskogee. It is alleged that he acquired certain property in Oklahoma scheming it in the names of former acquaintances at Danville, who were ignorant of the

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transactions until the recent Federal investigation was begun. The Danville people who went to Oklahoma were Judge M. A. Aiken, of the Corporation Court of Danville; Commonwealth's Attorney Thomas Hamlin, Thomas H. Ayerett, James I. Pritchett, L. B. Conway, L. B. Conway, Jr., Eustace B. Conway, W. W. Willson, E. E. Bouldin and Miss Carrie Pace.

Will Build New Church.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., May 23.—The recently formed congregation of the Fairview Heights Methodist Protestant Church will shortly begin the erection of a church in that suburb. The building will cost about \$5,000, and the seating capacity will be 400. Rev. J. L. Nichols, formerly of Maryland, is pastor of the mission, which is an adjunct to the church of that denomination in the city.

Wade Still in Jail.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., May 23.—Ernest Wade, who is under sentence of eighteen years for the murder of Isaac Higginbotham here in January, is still in jail awaiting the move of his counsel for an appeal to the Supreme Court for a new trial. It is generally believed that Wade will accept the offer of his counsel to proceed, and that he will be removed to Richmond in a short time.

Negro Denies His Guilt.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ABINGDON, VA., May 23.—Police-man Campbell, Waldon, of this place, yesterday arrested a negro, named Smith, who lives near Glade Springs in this county, and last night lodged him in jail at Marlton. In the confession of Robert Moore to the murder of young James Hines he said that Smith was implicated in the murder. Smith denies his guilt, but circumstances are very much against him.

Academy Day Observed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WINCHESTER, VA., May 23.—Ascension Day was observed in Winchester with special services to-night at Christ Episcopal Church by Winchester Commandery No. 12, Knights Templars. Rt. Rev. William L. Gravitt, bishop conductor of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Virginia, delivered the address. Special music was rendered, and the sacred old edifice was thronged.

AFTER THE MONEY.

College Must Raise \$225,000 to Secure \$75,000.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SALISBURY, N. C., May 23.—With a view to raising \$225,000 to secure \$75,000 offered by New York parties for the benefit of Davidson College, the executive committee of the board of trustees of that institution met in Salisbury yesterday to formulate plans for the campaign. The committee also decided upon a plan raising the standard of entrance requirements for freshmen students, so that hereafter they will equal any other college in America. It is said many young men will be excluded thereby next year.

Van Winkle Gets It.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] RICHMOND, VA., May 23.—Kingsland Van Winkle was chosen by the Board of Aldermen to fill the unexpired term of Judge P. C. Cooke, who was recently elected Police Justice, as Alderman from the First Ward last night. Mr. Van Winkle was a candidate for nomination in the Democratic primary, but was defeated by J. M. Jones by a close vote. J. G. Adams was chosen Assistant Police Justice.

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CELEBRATE WEEK OF COMMENCEMENT

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NUMEROUS GRADUATES

In Many Institutions of North Carolina and Virginia This Is Final Week.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] RALEIGH, N. C., May 23.—Raleigh had four college commencement baccalaureate sermons to-day, each heard by a large audience. They were delivered by Rev. Richard W. Hogue, rector of Chapel Hill, for St. Mary's School; Rev. Neal Anderson, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, for Peace Institute; Rev. E. Y. Mullins, D. D., president of the Southern Theological Seminary, for the Baptist University for Women; Rev. Charles W. Byrd, D. D., Nashville, Tenn., for the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

To-night there was the missionary sermon for the Baptist University commencement by Rev. S. J. Porter, D. D., Richmond. Commencement exercises will not be concluded until Thursday, and in the meantime diplomas of graduation will have been awarded to six young women at St. Mary's School, thirteen at Peace Institute, and fourteen at the Baptist University, and seventy-two young men will have been awarded diplomas and other certificates of graduation in the various literary, mechanical and agricultural courses at the A. and M. College.

HUGHES MAKES ADDRESS.

He Is the Baccalaureate Speaker at Bristol.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., May 23.—Rev. D. C. Hughes, father of Governor Hughes, of New York, preached the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class of eleven young women of the Virginia Institute here to-day.

More than 1,000 people heard the discourse, which was based upon Corinthians 10-5: "Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ." The central idea of his discourse was the exaltation, privilege and responsibility of the power of thought.

Judge John A. Buchanan, of the Virginia Supreme Court, to-day delivered an address before a large audience in the Central Presbyterian Church here, in which he reviewed comprehensively the influence of Calvinism upon the secular and religious history of the world.

The address was replete with interesting history.

Dr. Gravitt to Deliver Address.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] RICHMOND, VA., May 23.—The Rev. J. J. Gravitt, D. D., rector of Holy Trinity Church, Richmond, has accepted the invitation to deliver the address before the graduating class of Hampton High School at the commencement exercises on Thursday evening, June 11.

READS HIS LETTER, THEN FIRES SHOT

John Hill, Young Traveling Man, Kills Himself After Receiving Mail.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., May 23.—John W. Hill, twenty-one years old, a traveling salesman for a drug house in Chattanooga, Tenn., committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself through the head with a pistol, near Kapp's Mill, Surry county. Hill stopped at the home of J. H. Thompson for his mail and dinner. After reading a letter he walked off, remarking "Good-by to a friend." An hour later he was found lying on a rock near the Yadkin River, with a bullet hole in his head and a pistol clutched in his right hand.

The contents of the letter are believed to have been responsible for the suicide. Hill's home was in Surry county.

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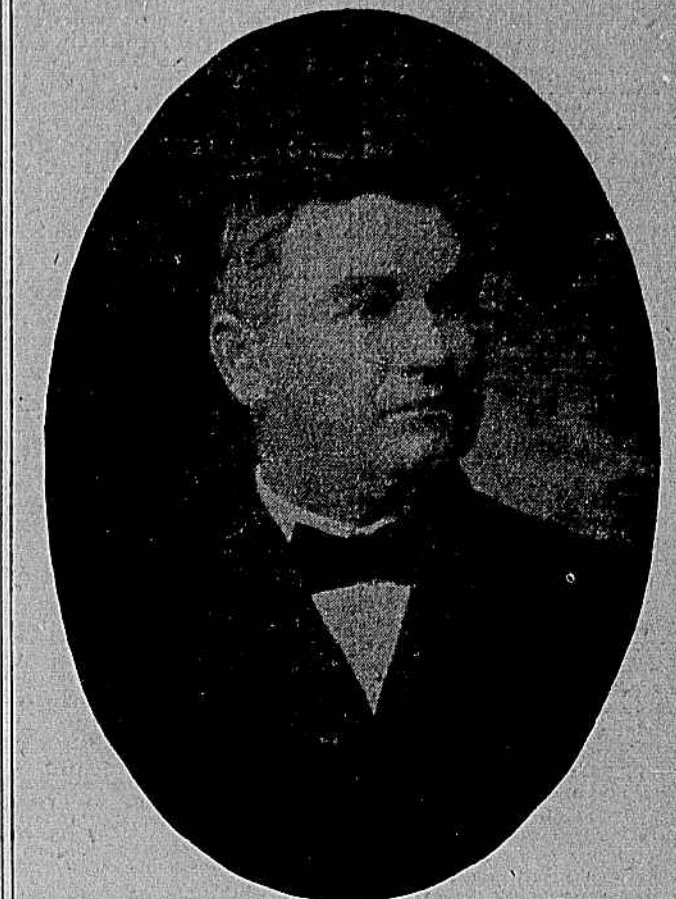
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GEORGE MCD. BLAKE

For the House



George McD. Blake, a prominent business man of the city, has formally announced his candidacy for a seat in the House of Delegates, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. Mr. Blake is a native of Mathews county, though he has resided here for many years. He is a prominent member of the Royal Arcanum, the Elks, the Retail Merchants' Association and the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Blake has been active as a Democrat in politics since his early manhood, having served as a member of the Board of Aldermen from Monroe Ward for many years. He resigned his seat on the Board in 1887 to accept the position of manager and secretary of the George A. Hundley Grocery Company. He owns a fine old country seat in Louisa county, where he spends most of the time, he is able to spare from his business.

Mr. Blake's card of announcement follows:

To my Fellow Citizens of Richmond: I respectfully announce that I shall be a candidate for the House of Delegates in the Democratic primary to be held on August 5th next. I desire to say that I stand for progressive and honest government, and I endorse this spirit along the lines of better schools and better roads, and if elected I shall use my best efforts in furthering the interests and consideration of the needs of our Confederate veterans.

I pledge myself to vigilance, keeping careful watch that our people are not burdened with undue taxation. Hoping to receive your support, I am,

Yours sincerely,

GEORGE MCD. BLAKE.

In this tonneau and allow Mayor Magee to ride with the chauffeur.

"And where do I get on?" said Burke, who is furnishing the auto and the plans.

"You don't get on at all, Mr. Burke," said Swenson. "You will walk as punishment for not taking into consideration the size of our President in making your plans."

CLAIMS VALUABLE LANDS

Descendant of Washington Begins Fight for Large Tracts in Ohio.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BOSTON, MASS., May 23.—Claiming to have positive proof that he is a direct descendant of the family of President George Washington, Dr. William B. Turnbull, of Boylston Street, has begun a legal fight to obtain title to and possession of lands given to General Washington by the government in recognition of his services as a patriot.

"I have put in a claim for all the lands given to George Washington by this country. They are worth striving after," said Dr. Turnbull. "I am a direct descendant of the family of George Washington. He was my great-great-great-uncle. My brother and I are direct descendants and entitled to some of the property this country gave Washington. I have put my claim into the hands of Colonel Robert E. Lee, of Virginia, who is my cousin, and he will look after my interests."

"What lands have you a claim upon?"

"There are three large tracts of lands in the Ohio River bottoms, amounting in round numbers to nearly 10,000 acres. Part of this includes Point Pleasant, the birthplace of General Grant. There is some land around the present site of Cincinnati, and some at the mouth of the Kanawha. This, I understand, abounds in coal and oil."

MORMON TEMPLE FOR CHICAGO

Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints Has Bought Site.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHICAGO, MAY 23.—The Mormons are going to build a temple in Chicago.

"The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints," as the church is officially named, has been active in the city for some time, and the leaders of the sect have gathered quite a body of believers about them.

The presiding bishop and the trustees of the church have taken title to a plot of ground located on Roman Avenue, Fifty-fifth Street. It is the intention of the church to erect the temple on the lot this summer.

This particular branch of the Mormon Church has its headquarters in Lamoni, Iowa, and claims to be the only true and orthodox Mormon Church in the world.

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